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SUBJECT: AFGHANSISTAN WORKING GROUP, SITUATION REPORT NO. 3, 0400 HOURS EST, FEBRUARY 15, 1979

1. NO MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY IN MEXICO, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR BY EMBASSY KABUL. THIS IS DESPITE A KABUL RADIO REPORT OF ABOUT 8:15 P.M. (10:45 A.M. EST) ON FEBRUARY 14 THAT A MESSAGE AS SENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF AFGHANISTAN, NUR MOHAMNED TARAKI TO PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER EXPRESSING "A DEEP SENSE OF SORROW AT THIS REGRETTABLE INCIDENT." KABUL RADIO ALSO REPORTED THAT A SIMILAR MESSAGE HAD BEEN SENT TO SECRETARY VANCE BY AFGHAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, HAFIZOLLAH AMIN.

2. A USAF PLANE WILL DEPART FROM ANDREWS AFB AT 10 A.M. TODAY FOR KABUL. THE PARTY TRAVELING TO KABUL WILL INCLUDE MRS. DUBS, ALEXANDER DUBS (BROTHER), THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT, CHARLES O'KEEFE, DIRECTOR GENERAL, HARRY BARNES, AND NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JACK MIKLOS. THE AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ANDREWS, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18 AT 1220 P.M. THE FUNERAL SERVICES, AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY, ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 10 A.M.

3. AS A RESULT OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE DIRECTION AND PLANNING OF THE AFGHAN ASSAULT WHICH RESULTED IN AMBASSADOR DUB'S DEATH, ACTING SECRETARY WARREN CHRISTOPHER CALLED IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN "TO EXPRESS IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE SHOCK OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OVER THE ROLE PLAYED BY S ADVISERS TO THE POLICE OF KABUL, AFGHANISTAN. EARLIER, CHARGE' J. BRUCE AMSTUTZ HAD PROTESTED IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT OVER ITS DISREGARD OF REPEATED US ADVICE NOT TO USE FORCE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. CHRISTOPHER

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